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SUCCESSFUL SUICIDE

Of a Man Who Under-
stood itHE MADE ALL PREPARATIONS TO
SAVE FURTHER TROUBLEVery Methodical in Manner He
Leaves the World for Others to
Struggle in.

Gone to Glory

Fredrick Herdel, a middle-aged German, blew his brains out on the steps of the Hall of Records at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Domestic trouble, loss of property and the belief that his honor was gone were the causes of the suicide.

Herdel was well known at the Mission, San Jose, where he kept a lodging house and saloon until recently. A fire burned him out. He then went to San Francisco and has been living in a lodging house at 872 Mission street.

Herdel was the most accommodating suicide that was ever in an Oakland morgue. He had written a complete history of his life for the coroner and the press. He left a letter informing the coroner all about himself, so that the official would not be put to too much trouble. So accommodating was this suicide that he placed a photograph of himself in his pocket, with directions that the reporters might if they desired put his picture in the paper. The letter to the coroner was as follows:

"To the Coroner of Alameda county, Dear Friend: I can make the work for you lighter by writing this letter. My name is Fredrick Herdel. I have had land in Mission San Jose. I have lost nearly all by fire and business. I lost my wife and good name, so I will depart from life in Alameda county. I have at present my mind sound to blow my brains out. I was born in 1842, a Prussian soldier in the American army till war was finished. Then I came to California, to Mission San Jose. Dear Coroner, when you get through with my examination send my body to Theodore Dirks' undertaking parlors in San Francisco. My brothers and sisters and children will take care of it. I belong to the German hospital Einigkeit, Odd Fellows, Concordia Lodge No. 122; Hermanns Sons No. 7; Germania Lodge. All my papers give to the press. All newspapers can take my photograph. The lady that is with me in the picture used to be my wife. She is the cause of my death. All the other papers and documents shall be sent to my daughter, Annie Mary Herdel, 2923 Jackson street, San Francisco. I have taken enough money along to take me to Oakland and if I should not have enough courage to take my life I still have enough money to take me home.

"The following letter was directed to a friend:

"Dear Friend: Should something be found in my pockets send to my daughter, 2923 Jackson street, San Francisco. I have taken enough money along to take me to Oakland and if I should not have enough courage to take my life I still have enough money to take me home.

"In a written statement left for the press and the coroner, Herdel tells the complete story of his life from the time he landed in this country.

"In 1888 my first wife died," he wrote, "and then my bad luck commenced. I married again and bought some property at Mission San Jose, which I improved by spending \$10,000. I was burned out in a fire and lost nearly all. People used to joke with me about my wife, but I did not mind that—it was only in fun. Well, everything goes wrong with me, and then comes the divorce and me and my wife separated. I give her money after that but I don't mind that. Well, this is about all my trouble, and if I am not about the child then the child cannot share in the estate.

"I am sorry to have come to this. I am in sound sense and good health for a man to commit suicide. I would

rather be dead than be in this world without any money. I don't consider myself one of the best men in the world, but I am not one of the worst. I felt my honor was gone, and when that was gone, my life should be gone, too. So good-bye to all my friends.

POOL SELLING.

The Church People of Oakland Want
It Stopped at the Race Track.

Pool Selling.

Concerted action is being taken by the churches of Oakland in regard to the pool selling at the race track, and petitions, numerous signed, will be presented to the supervisors soon, requesting that body to act at once and "prohibit pool selling and gambling" at the track. As the license granted the race track, people received the votes of all but one of the supervisors it is not likely that any attention will be paid by that body to such petitions, and especially in view of the fact that three of these four will be supervisors thirty days hence. And waiting until the new board is organized for the presentation of this matter is not likely to be productive of any more satisfactory outcome. As, by the result of the election at Emeryville, the race track interest has succeeded in the scheme of a town incorporation which will be so friendly that no adverse official action will be taken. When the few remaining legal steps necessary for the incorporation are taken, the supervisors will have no more control of the race track than they will have of the city of New York. It is possible, but not probable, that property owners of Emeryville and Golden Gate who have opposed the scheme may endeavor to set aside the incorporation proceedings thus far taken by an appeal to the courts.—Oakland Times.

Dance in the Maple Room.

Last evening the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity of the State University gave a ball in the maple room of the Palace hotel, San Francisco. The fraternity is composed of dentists and dental students. Among the local dentists who attended the festivities were Drs. Halsey, O'Rourke, Carlson, Ludlow, W. E. Taylor and Homer Craig.

Repent at Leisure.

Frank Purreault who recently married Mary Kelly has soon come to grief. His mother-in-law is on the war-path accompanied by an officer and a warrant. A copy of the marriage license shows that Mary was 18 years of age and resided in Berkeley. The mother-in-law contradicts these statements and says her daughter is not over 16 years of age and that both bride and groom always resided at San Francisco.

Nine Hundred Feet.

The oil well which was started two or three months ago, by a company organized by A. L. McPherson and others, near Lafayette, Contra Costa county, has reached a depth of 900 feet. Work has stopped now, but it is expected it will be resumed before long. The whole 900 feet traversed by the borer has been through sandstone, no oil bearing strata being found. None were, in fact, expected at this depth. When the boring began the proposal was to go to 1500 feet.

Back From the East.

County Assessor H. Dalton returned from the East yesterday. He was accompanied by his uncle, J. T. Cammeyer of Roselle, N. J., who has come to California for his health.

Oakland Theater.

The Pearsons at this popular place of amusement are giving a good show in "The White Squadron," which will be continued the balance of the week.

California and Nevada Railroad.

We are informed that there is no intention of stopping the running of trains on the California and Nevada narrow gauge road. There is business enough for it to realize a profit although it may not be very large.

There will be no more morning drills for the Freshmen. There will be only two more drills this term—one on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. Thursday's drill will be a review in honor of the President. The recruit companies will take part in this semi annual inspection and review.

Sharkey has got another foul blow. Payment of his check has been stopped.

A TORPEDO BOAT.

John Lay's Invention Re-
producedOR SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR IN
OPERATION TO ITPartially Successful During the Re-
bellion. Improvement Was Ne-
cessary. It May Be Here.

The Great Torpedo

C. F. McDermott's great torpedo was launched last evening at West Oakland. Tomorrow morning it will be towed to Goat Island and before the week is out tests as to the operation of the machine will have been made. The torpedo has been nearly eighteen months in course of construction. It was built in the yard of McDermott's residence at Eighth and Center streets, and has been jealously guarded.

For many years Professor F. M. Chase, Ph. D., tried to interest some one with money in a torpedo he had in mind. He lived in Tacoma, and it was not until he had kept at Mrs. McDermott for some time that he finally got him interested enough to consent to supply the funds that were necessary to build the first torpedo. When this was finally achieved, Chase came to Oakland and set up his workshop in an out-building on Mr. McDermott's property. There he has been working for nearly a year and a half. The machine was taken out today, loaded upon a heavy truck and launched.

It is claimed that the torpedo can be directed from the shore in any direction—forward, backward, port or starboard, up and down in the water—and that the operator can at any moment tell where his torpedo is while it is submerged. In a few days, Mr. McDermott says, the torpedo will be either the biggest fake in the country or the greatest success. It was originally calculated to cost \$3,000 and to take ninety days to build. It has cost nearly \$72,000 and it has taken fourteen months longer than the schedule time.

"If it will do what Dr. Chase claims it will," said Mr. McDermott, "it will be the greatest machine of warfare that has ever been invented. It will make it impossible for a foreign ship to land at our shores without our permission. A man can stand on the shore at the Cliff House and send this torpedo directly under an approaching vessel without their knowing anything about it until it strikes. It carries 600 pounds of dynamite and will blow a \$5,000,000 ship out of the water. I don't think there will be much war if the torpedo turns out as we think it will. No nation on earth is going to run its ships directly over anything of this kind."

The torpedo is an aluminum shell thirty feet over all, with a twenty-foot body and five-foot cones at each end. At the rear is a double propeller operated from the inside. Two stations are run out behind holding an ordinary square rudder, which is controlled from within. The machine is to be operated from a table on shore. On this table there are several push buttons marked "starboard," "port," "forward" and "backward." When the operator pushes one of these the torpedo is supposed to respond accordingly.

Burning of Garbage.

The people of Oakland seem to be in trouble concerning the disposal of their garbage. It was proposed to erect a refinery on the marshes at the west end of that town. The West Oakland Improvement Company do not take kindly to the proposition and desire some other place to be selected. For some time this refuse matter has been carried through West Berkeley into Contra Costa County bordering on the northwest corner of this town. A place where the westerly winds would carry the effluvia over a settled neighborhood of the community. Burn it in your own town and do not discommode your neighbors.

Licensed to Marry.

Alexander Eakin of Santa Cruz, 32 years and Carrie M. Gibson of Berkeley, 35.

ABBOTT-BRACKETT.

Wedding Bells Ring Out Merrily For
This Happy Couple.

Wedding Bells.

Yesterday in San Francisco, Granville Abbott and Miss Florence Gertrude Brackett were married. Only the immediate family and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. G. F. Brackett, 4943 Divisadero street.

The bride is a daughter of a prominent citizen of Berkeley, and is a very popular and accomplished girl. Granville Abbott is a son of the Rev. G. L. Abbott, an old resident of Oakland, and at one time a leading clergyman here.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Abbott left last evening on an extended Eastern trip. On their return they will reside in this city.

Attention, Supervisors.

With the finishing touches now being put upon the northern end of Shattuck avenue the main roadway of Berkeley would be completely improved from the northern limits to the south boundary of the town. It is one of the finest avenues in the State being a large part of the way 166 feet wide. It runs in a straight line striking Telegraph avenue at Temescal. The portion of the street between Berkeley and Oakland ought to be improved and it should be the care of those having the ear of our county supervisors to see that it be macadamized during the next summer.

Oakland Theater Change.

Treasurer Jesse Halstead of the Oakland theater has been relieved of his duties by Manager Bacon. The latter gentleman got an impression that Halstead was endeavoring to get the management of the theater away from him. In reply to this Treasurer Halstead states that it has been in a bad financial position for some time owing to bad management. He had charge of the receipts and was frequently obliged to borrow money in order to meet the bills while nearly all of the employees himself included, have salaries due. He knew that others were endeavoring to get control so naturally looked out for himself. He never done anything in an underhand way however.

At present matters are quite unsettled and it is not known what the result will be.

At the County's Expense.

The body of James Quintral, who was killed by falling from the race track special a week ago, was buried yesterday at the expense of the county. Quintral was a San Francisco printer, and at one time was a member of the Union, but lately his membership lapsed for the non-payment of dues. The Union, however, has taken some interest in his case and made an attempt, though without success, to locate his family.

Lorin Fire Company.

The Lorin Fire Company and Athletic Club selected officers last evening at a regular meeting held for that purpose. The officers elected were as follows: L. S. Rodgers, president; Wm. Carey, foreman; Wm. Jones, first assistant foreman; Wm. Esmond, second assistant foreman; A. Bryson, third assistant foreman. The election of treasurer, secretary and captain of the athletic team was held over until the next meeting. The Lorin Company has a gymnasium and will probably give an entertainment soon for the purpose of raising funds to pay a small debt which remains on the fire-house.

The Harbough Verdict.

The coroner's inquest, held yesterday afternoon in Alameda, in the case of Felix Harbough, resulted in the jury returning a verdict that death was the result of a fracture of the skull, and that the manner in which the wound was received was purely accidental.

Last Sunday the old man, who was riding a bicycle at the time, collided with a buggy in which were riding W. H. Blood and Harvey Wilson.

William E. Young, a driver for Riester of Oakland, was arrested yesterday by Officer Esmond for a violation of the wagon license ordinance. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

Mrs. Judge Ramage of Downieville is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Naylor at 2221 Dwight way.

INFORMATION

The Gazette Readers
Like Our StyleOF FURNISHING NEWS OF THE
DAY AND FREELY SUBSCRIBETo What They Are Pleased to
Designate "A Live News-
paper"

R. E. Cronin has been appointed a deputy for Oakland township by J. F. Cronin, Constable.

Sheldon, ex-principal of the P. & W. Robles High School, Miss Mabel Sullivan '96 is teaching in the same school.

Mose Gunst is said to have made this remark that the referee's decision was entirely wrong. Who is Mose Gunst, anyhow?

Frank Adams, driver for an Oakland coal firm, was arrested on Wednesday for violating the wagon ordinance and fined \$5 for doing it.

Mrs. Briscoe who resides on Fifth street between Addison street and Allison way is making arrangements for a trip to New York which may last through the winter season.

Sharkey is laid on one side for the present and so is that check for \$10,000. No doubt but what they will get well together at about the same time.

John J. Moran has dismissed his suit against George Bates, ex-principal of the Berkeley gymnasium, who is endeavoring to be declared an insolvent debtor.

It is stated that W. R. Patton, formerly of Berkeley, will be a candidate on the Populist ticket for Councilman from the Fourth Ward in Oakland.

A statement was recently published to the effect that the delinquency in the city taxes of Oakland was only \$3,000. This appears to have been guess work. It actually amounts to nearly \$10,000.

Mrs. E. Gast arrived yesterday from Kern City where she has been residing of late, on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dean. She will remain until after the holidays.

Frank W. James of Berkeley has filed his statement of fees collected by him during the month of November, and from his affidavit it appears as though Berkeley was not overrun with criminals. He collected nothing.

Apocryphal Jans Bogardus died hundred years ago, but his heirs are ever on the increase. That igneous fatuous golden coin of the realm, huddles the descendants together in the form of associations more for farm's sake than expediency.

We have very large doubts if the name of the man on the Pacific Coast who will be offered a position in the new Cabinet has ever been mentioned in that connection in the newspapers. If so it has escaped our notice.

We noticed that it is only the losers on Fitzsimmons who are kicking against the decision of the referee. The larger the amount lost the heavier the losers kick. The Call must have a terrible heavy mark on the wrong side of the ledger.

The work of building a bridge across the estuary at Oakland is beginning to have a chance of construction. Committees from the two towns interested, and the government offices have settled their differences and the whole matter has been referred to Washington for proper adjustment.

District Attorney Snook is working today on the request of the War Department to extend the time for the bridge over the estuary for fifteen months after the first of March next year. The petition will be presented to the Supervisors on Monday next and will be signed there and forwarded to Washington. A similar request will be forwarded to the War Department by the railroad company but it will be sent without connection with the petition of the Supervisors.

Dr. Robert Mackenzie D. D. will deliver a lecture in the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, December 11, 1896. The subject will be "Air Castles." Admission 25 cents. Dec 4 td

HAD NO LICENSE.

A Police Officer in Alameda Stops a
Funeral.

Stopped the Funeral

Policeman Lawrence of Alameda, stopped a funeral yesterday. He required Undertaker Dietz of San Francisco to pay a wagon license of \$10 before he would permit the hearse containing the remains of Mrs. Meta Hashagen to proceed from the family residence, 1540 Ninth street, to the cemetery.

A city ordinance imposes a license upon undertakers and the officer knowing that Undertaker Dietz had none conceived it to be his duty to collect the same, if he had to stop the funeral. The cortege was about to start, when Lawrence stepped up to the undertaker and requested him to fork over \$10 or proceed with him to the police station. The money was paid and the funeral proceeded.

"I was acting under instructions," said the policeman. "The man had no license and it was my duty to arrest him." I have been on the police force for sixteen years and know my business. You cannot tell it to me. I went up to the man in charge and told him he could not move his hearse until he paid his license of \$10. He paid, and that is all there is about it."

A Difficult Trip

This morning Ex-postmaster Mr. Carthy invited Postmaster Vincent to take a ride with him out as far as the Red house on the San Pablo road. It was thought that there was the purchase of a lot of cows for dairy purposes and that new postmaster passes for an expert in that direction.

The trip was all right, but in the carrying of it out trouble befell the gentlemen. The horse was taken sick and fell by the wayside some distance from home and the gentlemen were in a quandary about getting back. It happened that George Schmidt desired to see some notarial business and his seal had been left in the borrowed buggy. Not desiring to wait the return of his own team he engaged another and went on the road to get his seal. He soon found his friends in distress and taking them in his carriage brought back a full load included the seal to this place of business. All is well that ends well.

The Coal Combination sent notice to dealers today of an advance of 50 cents per ton in coal. W. H. Bone has not raised the price of Banner Coal, but still sells large quantities at the old figures, and long tons. See ad.

Exchanges from the southern part of the State report that the noted air ship has been seen in that part of the country that is quite moving lights have been seen at night. Of the ship itself there is no description given. More anon.

Most of us know enough to eat when we are hungry and drink when we are thirsty, but how few of us know what to do for business when it needs something to give it an invigorating lift. The few advertise more than ever and one thing is sure—a healthy basis. Many a good advertising agent together and wait for the business to recover its strength without either tonic or food.

The Rev. B. F. Hildelson, State President of the American Protective Association, was again arrested yesterday on complaint of J. B. Woodworth, who charges him with misdemeanor libel. The charge is based on the same grounds as the charge of criminal libel lodged against him on November 28th. The criminal charge was dismissed when brought up for a hearing in the Police Court.

Three witnesses were examined yesterday before the commission into the causes which brought about the wreck of the steamer San Benito. Second Officer Swan, said there was no variation of log and no deviation of compass so far as he could observe. Richard Zolling, Chief Officer, added to his previous testimony the statement that the vessel was steered on the course given by Captain Smith. Zolling's written report, submitted at the commencement of the investigation, shows that the course was changed half a point. W. H. Jeffs, a water-carrier on the lost steamer, swore that the vessel was going at full speed when she struck.

Reglands had shipped up to Thursday, seven carloads of oranges. They are too sour yet to be really good eating but they are well colored and we have given up the idea of stopping the practice of early shipments. The trade wants them and is willing to pay for them so we suppose they will have to go.—Citrograph.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT

Shattuck Avenue, the
Great Boulevard.OUR MAIN AVENUE OVER 160
FEET WIDE WELL IMPROVED.When Completed It Will Extend to
Oakland Center, East Road-
way in This State.

A Great Improvement

A petition is being circulated in North Berkeley asking the Board of Trustees to improve Spruce street with in the town limits on the district plan, the area to be assessed to include the whole of North and East Berkeley. The street is the continuation through Berkeley of the new county road across the hills to the Wild Cat region and so large a district is asked for as the thoroughfare will be directly serviceable to all of the section indicated. The road is the most direct and possesses the easiest gradients of any of the Contra Costa highways that traverse the hills bordering the bay and when well constructed will be the scene of a lively traffic between the farming section of Contra Costa County and the markets of Berkeley and Oakland. With the improvement of Spruce street all of the streets paralleling Shattuck avenue in the north will be macadamized and will make that portion of the town inferior to none other in Berkeley.

Cheap and Valuable

The Valley Chronicle says that every vote in Alameda county above last election cost one dollar to have recorded. Granted. For the value received, it was the cheapest price ever paid for an article of that kind, as it was through the votes of Alameda county that the State was carried for McKinley. These votes were worth a great deal more but we give them to the State at cost price.

For J. C. Pelton.

An entertainment will be given in Klinkner's Hall, Golden Gate, tonight for the benefit of that veteran educator of California, Hon. John C. Pelton. The hall should be filled, as never before, so that people abroad may know that Californians never forget what the good man has done when it was needed. Mr. Pelton is in adverse circumstances and needs any help that his fellow-citizens can bestow.

Mechanics' Institute

A quarterly meeting of the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco will be held at the Library, No. 31 Post street, on Saturday, December 5th, 1896.

At this meeting nominations will be made for the coming election in February. One-half of the old board will go out of office and an election will take place to fill the vacancies.

Foresters

At a regular meeting of Court, Shell and No. 17, Foresters of America, held last evening the following officers were elected: Past Chief, Ranger, J. C. Nibbel; Sub Chief, Kanger, Duell, J. Veir; Treasurer, Frank McDermott; Financial Secretary, S. H. Lingard; Recording Secretary, Andrew Anderson; Junior Woodward, J. Bernier; Senior Woodward, H. Peterson; Junior Beadle, James Kidd; Trustee, James Stephens.

A New Electric Road

The building of an electric railroad from Vallejo to Clear Lake is being agitated in Napa Valley and terminals. It is a good thing and will open up much new country. Vallejo would certainly receive much benefit from a transportation road. Lake county wants an outlet of some kind and it would seem that after many years its wants are likely to be relieved.

John A. Britton, now superintendent of the Oakland Gas, Light and Heat Company was a collector for that institution twenty-five years ago when the customers could be counted by using the fingers of one hand. Things are different now.

ZAMLOCK.

The Wizard at Sistrera Hall This
Evening.

Zamlock

The well known Zamlock will appear this evening in Sistrera Hall, West Berkeley. He has been here before and left a good impression of his performances. During his absence he has traveled the wide world over, and in his travels has picked up a whole lot of new things. A program has been made to suit the old and young, male and female and all conditions of life. He has the spiritual cabinet which has so puzzled scientists and men of the different denominational schools. There are a great many mystifying things which he shows the audience and allows them to work out an explanation. In addition to the above he distributes prizes every evening, all handsome and of good value. Go early and get a good seat, as the hall will be full by the time the performance commences.

Consumption

Consumption prevails in all countries. All animal life is subject to it. There is occasionally some person dies from the disease in Berkeley, but it was not contracted here. Health officers have found it of late to be very prevalent among cows. It is very deceptive in this animal's case. They look healthy in every respect and at the same time the lungs are in a diseased state. This is preliminary.

Recently the owner of a consumptive cow gave a man fifty cents to take her to the poundman, leaving it in his discretion how to dispose of the animal.

This fellow had an eye to business and on his way to the public corral found a woman who wanted a cow and like Barks he was "willin". The ownership was transferred just as soon as the lady gave up \$10—the usual consideration for a fifty-vara lot. The lady in question is Mrs. Rose, who resides on Sacramento street north of Woolsey street. It appears that the original owner of the cow was passing the Rose residence and noticed there an animal whose appearance was very familiar. He stopped and inquired how the animal got within the lot. The information sought for was soon obtained. When he found that the animal had been sold for a real estate price he informed the lady of the whole transaction. It made her very mad and she immediately informed the seller that he must return the \$10 or she would have him arrested.

Not Successful.

In answer to the called meeting last evening in Klinkner's Hall, Golden Gate, for the purpose of organizing a parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, there was not much of a response. Mrs. J. Brown who has worked hard in order to get a parlor organized said that there were not enough native born young ladies in the place who had arrived at the proper age for forming an association.

Cribbage Party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerrison residing on Haste street gave a progressive cribbage party last evening. The rooms were handsomely decorated in honor of the occasion. Five tables were used and a great deal of interest was shown in this mathematical game. Prizes were awarded, the first one for ladies being a hand painted glass vase. For gentlemen a hand painted tooth pick receiver was given. The baby prize for gentlemen was a pack of miniature playing cards and for the ladies a Jury baby was given.

The entertainment of the Episcopals in Shattuck Hall last evening was well attended. The proceeds of the two evenings will help out the treasury in good shape.

Col. Richard Wynne of Lorin left yesterday for Mexico to look after some mining interests which he is interested in.

Wanted—A room in exchange for dressmaking, address A. B. C. Berkeley, Dec. 4 th.

Special Notice
Berkeley people when in Oakland, will find Joe Bonquet's family liquor store the proper place to get their liquors, first getting off place 13th and Washington street. See his bargain window, fine wines and liquors for holidays. Goods delivered to all parts of Berkeley. Dec 4 th

W. H. Bone is now selling Binner Coal at the following rates: 2400 pounds for \$7, 1000 pounds for \$3.50 and 500 pounds for \$1.95. It is considered to be of fine quality. Fifty cents additional will be charged for hauling it to East Berkeley. Dec 3 ml

